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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 1922-052]

Ketchikan Public Utilities; Notice of Intent to File License Application, Filing of Pre-Application Document, Approving Use of the Traditional Licensing Process

- a. Type of Filing: Notice of Intent to File License Application and Request to Use the Traditional Licensing Process.
- b. Project No.: 1922-052
- c. Date Filed: July 16, 2019
- d. Submitted By: Ketchikan Public Utilities (KPU)
- e. Name of Project: Beaver Falls Hydroelectric Project
- f. Location: On Beaver Falls Creek in Ketchikan Gateway Borough, Alaska.
The project occupies 478.4 acres of United States lands administered by U.S. Forest Service.
- g. Filed Pursuant to: 18 CFR 5.3 of the Commission's regulations
- h. Potential Applicant Contact: Jennifer Holstrom, Senior Project Engineer, Ketchikan Public Utilities, 1065 Fair Street, Ketchikan, Alaska 99901; (907) 228-4733; or email at jenniferh@ktn-ak.us.

- i. FERC Contact: Julia Kolberg at (202) 502-8261; or e-mail at julia.kolberg@ferc.gov.
- j. Ketchikan Public Utilities filed its request to use the Traditional Licensing Process on July 16, 2019. KPU provided public notice of its request on July 13, 2019. In a letter dated August 19, 2019, the Director of the Division of Hydropower Licensing approved BCB's request to use the Traditional Licensing Process.
- k. With this notice, we are initiating informal consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service under section 7 of the Endangered Species Act and the joint agency regulations thereunder at 50 CFR, Part 402. We are also initiating consultation with the Alaska State Historic Preservation Office, as required by section 106, National Historic Preservation Act, and the implementing regulations of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation at 36 CFR 800.2.
- l. With this notice, we are designating KPU as the Commission's non-federal representative for carrying out informal consultation pursuant to section 7 of the Endangered Species Act; and consultation pursuant to section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.
- m. KPU filed a Pre-Application Document (PAD; including a proposed process plan and schedule) with the Commission, pursuant to 18 CFR 5.6 of the Commission's regulations.

- n. A copy of the PAD is available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission's website (<http://www.ferc.gov>), using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number, excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support at FERCONlineSupport@ferc.gov, (866) 208-3676 (toll free), or (202) 502-8659 (TTY). A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in paragraph h.
- o. The licensee states its unequivocal intent to submit an application for a new license for Project No. 1922. Pursuant to 18 CFR 16.8, 16.9, and 16.10 each application for a new license and any competing license applications must be filed with the Commission at least 24 months prior to the expiration of the existing license. All applications for license for this project must be filed by October 31, 2022.
- p. Register online at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp> to be notified via e-mail of new filing and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

Dated: August 19, 2019.

Kimberly D. Bose,

Secretary.